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F A S T I N G,
T O B E

Us'd Yearly upon the 30th. of *January*, being the Day of the Martyrdom of the Blessed King *Charles* the First: To implore the Mercy of God, That neither the Guilt of that Sacred and Innocent Blood, nor those other Sins by which God was provoked to deliver up both Us, and Our King into the Hands of cruel and unreasonable Men, may at any time hereafter be visited upon Us, or our Posterity.

By His Majesties Special Command..

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A
FORM
OF
PRAYER with FASTING,
To Be

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of the Martyrdom of the Blessed King *Charles* the
First.

¶ If this Day shall happen to be Sunday, this Form of
Prayer shall be used, and the Fast kept the next day
following. And upon the Lords Day next before the
Day to be kept at Morning Prayer immediately af-
ter the *Nicene* Creed, notice shall be given for the
due Observation of the said Day.

¶ The Service on the Day shall be the same with the
usual Office for Holy Days in all things: Except
where it is in this Office otherwise appointed.

The Order for Morning Prayer.

¶ He that Ministreth, shall begin with one, or more
of these Sentences.

TO the Lord our God belong Mercies, and
Forgivenesses, though we have Rebelled a-
gainst him: Neither have we obeyed the
Voice of the Lord our God, to walk in his Laws,
which he set before us, Dan. ix. 9, 10.

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Correct us, O Lord; but with Judgment, not in thine Anger: lest thou bring us to nothing, Jer. x. 24.

Enter not into Judgment with thy Servants, O Lord: for in thy Sight shall no Man living be justified. Ps. cxliii. 2.

¶ Instead of *Veni Exultemus*, the Hymn following shall be said, or sung; one Verse by the Priest, another by the Clerk, and People.

Ps. l. 9. 1. 2. **R**ighteous art thou, O Lord: and just are thy Judgments.

Neh. 9. 33. Thou art just, O Lord, in all, that is brought upon us: for thou hast done Right, but we have done wickedly.

Ps. 73. 2. Nevertheless my Feet were almost gone: my Treatings had well nigh slipped.

3 For why? I was grieved at the wicked: I did also see the ungodly in such prosperity.

Ps. 2. 2. The people stood up, and the Rulers took Counsel together: against the Lord, and against his Anointed.

Ps. 83. 3. They cast their Heads together with one Consent: and were confederate against him.

Ps. 137. 5. He heard the Blasphemy of the Multitude, and Fear was on every side: while they conspired together against him, to take away his Life.

Ps. 109. 1. They spoke against him with false Tongues, and compassed him about with words of Hatred: and fought against him without a Cause.

Ps. 41. 9. Hea his own familiar Friends whom he trusted: they that eat of his Bread, laid great wait for him.

Ps. 55. 17. They rewarded him Evil for Good: to the great discomfort of his Soul.

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They took their Counsel together, saying, God hath forsaken him: persecute him, and take him, for there is none to deliver him. Psalm 71. 2.

The Breath of our Nostrils, the Anointed of the Lord was taken in their pits: of whom we said, Under his Shadow we shall be safe. Lamentation 4. 20.

The Artillery and the Enemy enter'd into the Gates of Jerusalem: saying, When shall he die, and his Name perish? Psalm 137. 7.

Let the sentence of Guiltiness proceed against him: and now that he lieth, let him rise up no more. Psalm 137. 8.

False Witnesses also did rise up against him: they laid to his charge things, that he knew not. Psalm 5. 11.

For the Sins of the people, and the Iniquities of the Priests: they shed the Blood of the Just in the midst of Jerusalem. Lamentation 4. 13.

My Soul, come not thou into their Secret: unto their Assembly, mine Honour, be not thou united: for in their Anger they slew a man. Genesis 49. 6.

Even the Man of thy right Hand: the Son of Man, whom thou hast made so strong for thine own Self. Psalm 80. 7.

In the sight of the unwise he seemed to die: and his Departure was taken for Misery. Wisdom 3. 1.

They Fools counted his Life Madness, and his End to be without Honour: But He is in Peace. Psalm 116. 15.

For though he was punished in the Sight of Men: yet was his Hope full of Immortality. Psalm 116. 15.

How is he numbred with the Children of God: and his Lot is among the Saints!

Hur, O Lord God, to whom Vengeance belongeth, thou God, to whom Vengeance belongeth: Be favourable and gracious unto Sion. Psalm 137. 8.

Be merciful, O Lord, unto thy people, whom thou hast

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hast redeemed: and lay not innocent Blood to our Charge.

Psal. 26. 1.

D But not up our Souls with Sinners: nor our Lives with the Blood-thirsty.

Psal. 51. 14.

Deliver us from Blood-guiltiness, O God, thou that art the God of our Salvation: and our Tongues shall sing of thy Righteousness.

Psal. 5. 4.

For thou art the God, that hast no pleasure in Wickedness: neither shall any Evil dwell with thee.

6. Thou wilt destroy them that speak Lying: the Lord abhors both the Blood-thirsty, and deceitful Man.

Psal. 7. 13.

O how suddenly do they consume, perish, and come to a fearful End!

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Yea, even like as a Dream, when one awaketh: so didst thou make their Image to vanish out of the City.

Aps. 1. 3.

Great, and marvellous are thy Works, O Lord God Almighty: just, and true are thy Ways, O King of Saints!

Psal. 119. 13.

Righteous art thou, O Lord: and just are thy Judgments!

Glorry be to the Father, &c.

As it was in the beginning, &c.

¶ Proper Psalms. IX, X, XI.

¶ Proper Lessons § The First. 2 Sam. I.
§ The Second. S. Matth. xxvii.

¶ Instead of the first Collect at Morning Prayer, shall these two, which next follow, be used.

O Most mighty God, terrible in thy Judgments, and wonderful in thy Doings toward the Children of Men; who in thy heavy Displeasure didst suffer the Life of our late Gracious Sovereign

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hereign King Charles the first to be (as) this Day taken away by the Hands of cruel, and bloody Men: We thy sinful Creatures here assembled before thee, do in the behalf of all the People of this Land humbly confess, That they were the crying Sins of this Nation, which brought down this heavy Judgment upon us. But, O Gracious God, when thou makest Inquisition for Blood, Lay not the Guilt of this Innocent Blood (the shedding whereof nothing but the Blood of thy Son can expiate) lay it not to the Charge of the People of this Land; nor let it ever be required of us, or our Posterity. Be merciful, O Lord, be merciful unto thy People, whom thou hast redeemed; and be not angry with us for ever: But pardon us for thy Mercies sake, through the Merits of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessed Lord, in whose Sight the Death of thy Saints is precious; Magnifie thy Name for thine abundant Grace bestowed on our late Martyr'd Sovereign: by which he was enabled so cheerfully to follow the Steps of his blessed Master, and Saviour, in a constant meek Suffering of all barbarous Indignities, and at last resisting unto Blood, and even then according to the same pattern praying for his Murderers. Let his Memory, O Lord, be ever blessed among us; that we may follow the example of his Courage, and Constancy, his Humility, and Patience, and great Charity. And grant, that this our Land may be freed from the Vengeance of his righteous Blood, and thy Mercy glorified in the Forgiveness of our Sins; and all for Jesus Christ his sake, our onely Mediatour, and Advocate. Amen.

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¶ In the end of the Litany (which shall always on this day be used) immediately after the Collect, *We humbly beseech thee, O Father, &c.* The three Collects next following are to be read.

O Lord, we beseech thee mercifully hear our prayers, and spare all those who confess their sins unto thee, that they whose Consciences by sin are accused, by thy merciful Pardon may be absolved, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

O Most mighty God, and merciful Father, who hast compassion upon all men, and hatest nothing that thou hast made, who wouldest not the death of a Sinner, but that he should rather turn from his sin and be saved; Mercifully forgive us our trespasses; receive and comfort us, who are grieved and wearied with the burden of our Sins. Thy property is always to have mercy; to thee only it appertaineth to forgive sins. Spare us therefore, God Lord, spare thy people, whom thou hast redeemed; enter not into judgment with thy Servants, who are vile earth, and miserable Sinners; but so turn thine anger from us, who meekly acknowledge our vileness, and truly repent us of our faults; and so make haste to help us in this world, that we may ever live with thee in the world to come, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Turn thou us, O God Lord, and so shall we be turned. Be favourable, O Lord, be favourable to thy people, who turn to thee in weeping, fasting and praying. For thou art a merciful God, full of Compassion, Long-suffering, and of great

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great pity. Thou sparest when we deserve punishment, and in thy wrath thinkest upon Mercy. Spare thy people, God Lord, spare them, and let not thine heritage be brought to confusion. Hear us, O Lord, for thy Mercy is great, and after the multitude of thy Mercies look upon us, through the Merits and Mediation of thy blessed Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

¶ In the Communion-Service after the Prayer for the King (*Almighty God, whose Kingdom is ever lasting, &c.*) instead of the Collect for the Day, shall these two be used.

Most mighty God, &c. }
Blessed Lord, in whose } As in the Morning-Prayers
light, &c. }

The Epistle. 1 St. Pet. 2. 13.

Submit your selves to every Ordinance of Man for the Lords sake; whether it be to the King as Supreme; or unto Governours, as unto them that are sent by him, for the punishment of evil-doers, and for the praise of them that do well. For so is the Will of God, that with well-doing ye may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men: As free, and not using your liberty for a cloke of maliciousness, but as the Servants of God. Honour all Men. Love the Brotherhood. Fear God. Honour the King. Servants, be subject to your Masters with all fear, not only to the good and gentle, but also to the froward. For this is thank-worthy, if a man for Conscience toward God endure grief, suffering wrongfully. For what glory is it, if

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when ye be buffeted for your faults, ye shall take it patiently; but if when ye do well, and suffer for it, ye take it patiently; this is acceptable with God. For even hereunto were ye called; because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps; who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth.

The Gospel. St. Matth. 21. 33.

There was a certain Householder which planted a Vineyard, and hedged it round about, and digged a Wine-press in it, and built a Tower, and let it out to Husbandmen, and went into a far Countrey. And when the time of the Fruit drew near, he sent his Servants to the Husbandmen, that they might receive the Fruits of it. And the Husbandmen took his Servants, and beat one, and killed another, and stoned another. Again, he sent other Servants, more then the first: and they did unto them likewise. But last of all, he sent unto them his Son, saying, They will reverence my Son. But when the Husbandmen saw the Son, they said among themselves, This is the Heir, come, let us kill him, and let us seize on his Inheritance. And they caught him, and cast him out of the Vineyard, and slew him. When the Lord therefore of the Vineyard cometh, what will he do unto those Husbandmen? They say unto him, He will miserably destroy those wicked men, and will let out his Vineyard unto other Husbandmen, which shall render him the Fruits in their seasons.

¶ After

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¶ After the *Nicene* Creed. shall be read in stead of the Sermon for that Day. The first and second parts of the Homily against Disobedience, and wilful Rebellion set forth by Authority; Or the Minister, who officiates, shall preach a Sermon of his own composing upon the same Argument.

¶ In the Offertory shall this Sentence be read.

Whatsoever ye would, that men should do unto you, even so do unto them; for this is the Law and the Prophets. St. Matth. vii. 12.

¶ After the Prayer, *For the whole state of Christs Church.* &c. these two Collects following shall be used.

O Lord our heavenly Father, who didst not punish us, as our Sins have deserved, but hast in the midst of Judgment remembered Mercy; We acknowledge it thine especial Favour, that though for our many and great Provocations, thou didst suffer thine Anointed blessed King Charles the first (as) this way to fall into the hands of violent and Bloud-thirsty Men. and barbarously to be murdered by them; Yet thou didst not leave us for ever, as Shepherds be it a Shepherd, but by thy Gracious Providence didst miraculously preserve the undoubted Heir of his Crowns, our then Gracious Sovereign King Charles the Second from his bloody Enemies, hiding him under the shadow of thy Wings, until their Tyranny was overpast; and then didst bring him back in thy good appointed Time, together with his Royal Brother King James, to sit successively in

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Peace upon the Throne of their Father, and to erect that Supreme Authority over us, (one after the other) what of thy special Grace thou hast directed for them, thyself the great and unspeakable Mercies be rendered to thee our most humble Thanks for in the doing of our duties: Seeking thee still to continue thy special Protection over the weak and afflicted remnant, and to grant to our Glorious Sovereign King James a long and a happy Reign over us: So we, that are thy People, will give thee Thanks for ever and will always be shewing forth thy Praise from generation to generation, through Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

AND grant, O Lord, we beseech thee, that the Course of this World may be so peaceably ordered by thy Governante, that thy Church may joyfully serve thee in all godly Quietness, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Order for Evening-Prayer.

¶ The Hymn appointed to be used at Morning-Prayer instead of *Veni exultemus*, shall here also be used before the proper Psalms.

Righteous art thou, O Lord, &c.

¶ Proper Psalms. I XXIX. XCIV. LXXXV.

(The first, Jer xii or Dan. ix. to v. 22

¶ Proper Lessons. The second, Hebr. xi. 32. and xii.

(to v. 7.

¶ Instead

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¶ Instead of the first Collect at Evening-Prayer shall these Two which next follow, be used.

O Most Good Lord God, who by thy Wisdom not only guided, and ordered all things most iustly to thine own Justice; but also performed thy pleasure in such a manner, that we cannot but acknowledge thee to be Righteous in all thy Ways and Works in all thy Works: We thy sinful people do here fall down before thee, confessing, That thy Judgments were right, in permitting cruel men, sons of Belial, as this Day to imbrue thy Hands in the Blood of thine Anointed; we having drawn down the same upon our selves by the great and long Provocations of our Sins against thee. For which we do therefore here humble our selves before thee; Imploring thy Mercy for the pardon of them all; And that thou wouldest deliver this Nation from Blood-guiltiness. (That of this Day (specially) and turn from us, and our posterity all these Judgments which we by our Sins have deserved: Grant this for the all sufficient Merit of thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

¶ Most Good. just and powerful, who didst permit thy dear Servant, our late great Sovereign King Charles the first, to be as upon this Day given up to the violent Outrages of wicked men, to be despised, abused, and at last murdered by them: Though we cannot rest upon so secular an Act, but with horror and Abhorrence: Yet do we most gratefully Commemorate the Glories of thy Grace, which then shined forth in thine Anointed; Whom thou wert pleased, even at the hour of Death to endue with an eminent measure of exemplary Patience, Meekness,
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and Charity before the Face of his cruel Enemies. And albeit thou didst suffer them to proceed to such an height of Violence, as to kill him, and to take possession of his Throne; yet didst thou in great Mercy preserve his Son, who's Right it was, and at length by a wonderful Providence bring him back, and set him thereon, to Restore thy true Religion, and to settle Peace amongst Us: For which we glorify thy Name, through Jesus Christ our Blessed Saviour. Amen.

¶ Immediately after the Collect, *Lighten our Darkness*, &c. Shall these Three next following be used.

○ Lord, we beseech Thee, &c. }	
○ most mighty God, and merciful Father, &c. }	As before at Morn-
Turn thou us, O good Lord, }	ing Prayer.
and so, &c. }	

¶ Immediately before the Prayer of St. *Chrysostom* shall this Collect, which next followeth, be used.

A Almighty and everlasting God, who's Righteousness is like the strong Mountains, and thy Judgments like the great Deep; and who by that barbarous Murder as upon this Day committed upon the Sacred Person of thine Anointed, hast taught us, that neither the greatest of Kings, nor the best of men are more secure from Violence, than from natural Death: Teach us also hereby so to number our Days, that we may apply our hearts unto Wisdom. And grant, that neither the Splendour of any thing that is Great, nor the conceit of any thing that is Good in us, may any ways withhold our Eyes from looking upon our selves as sinful

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ful Dust and Ashes : but that according to the Example of this thy Blessed Martyr, we may press forward toward the Prize of the high Calling that is before us, in Faith and Patience, Humility and Meekness, Mortification and Self-denial, Charity, and constant Perseverance unto the End : And all this for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ his sake : To whom with Thee, and the Holy Ghost be all Honour and Glory World without End. Amen.

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